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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Complete if Known	
Application Number	09/922,617
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Group/Art Unit	2172
Examiner Name	Truong, Cam Y T
Attorney Docket Number	OR01-00401

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See, *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a.  Previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv.  Other: PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

## 2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)

b.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to  
Deposit Account No. 50-1003 (Docket No. OR01-00401)

- i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii.  Other: Please deduct any underpayments and credit any overpayments from Deposit Account Number 50-1003.

b.  Check in the amount of \$ \$880.00 (\$770. for RCE fee and \$110.00 for extension of time), enclosed.

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICATION, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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#### **AMENDMENT**

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In response to the office action of **April 7, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.